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Regional Transport Aircraft
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to manufacture Regional Transport Aircraft (RTA) indigenously;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the quantum of money allocated for the said project along with the estimated cost of each aircraft;
(d) the details of the progress made so far in this regard; and
(e) the time by which the said aircraft is likely to undertake its first test flight?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES

(SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a),(b)&(c) Yes, Madam. CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR-NAL), Bengaluru has carried out feasibility studies for design, development and manufacturing of regional transport aircraft and the report was submitted in May, 2011. Further work in this regard has been taken up by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL), Bengaluru. No allocation of funds has been made.

(d)&(e) CSIR-NAL has discussed with HAL to participate in setting up of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for designing and manufacturing civilian aircraft.
Therefore, it is too early to set any time lines for test flight.

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